

## NO TEAR UP STATE OF "THE PEOPLE"

Failure of Independence League to Arouse Albany "Masses" Gratifies Republicans.

### TO 'SHOW UP' LEAGUE LEADER

Legislators Will Try to Prove That Assertions That He Is a "Martyr" Are Unfounded.

ALBANY, N. Y., Saturday.—Republican leaders who have been inclined to "view with alarm" the attempt of "the people," led by William R. Hearst, to organize in the interior of the State with the purpose of putting an Independence League-State ticket in the field, have been much relieved at the failure of the expected uprising to materialize at last Wednesday's gathering of the league forces in this city. The fact that only twenty-three out of the sixty-one counties of the State were represented in the meeting showed that the organization of the league in the rural counties was proving more difficult than its promoters had anticipated.

But while the league meeting did not indicate anything like an "outpouring of the masses" in support of the league and its principles, it showed a possibility that the formation of its State organization might prove dangerous to the democratic State machine. Two members of the Democratic State Committee—L. M. Black, of the Twenty-fifth district, and James C. Bennett, of the Fifth district—have already gone over to the league, and Martin W. Glynn, formerly a democratic Representative in Congress from Albany and the proprietor of a newspaper here, has agreed to take charge of the local organization.

**INROADS ON DEMOCRATS.**  
While the league leaders have made it distinctly understood that they have no idea of forming an alliance with Tammany or with the regular democratic machine in any part of the State, the possibility that they may make serious inroads upon the democratic strength in the up-country districts has attracted much attention.

Reports from the northern parts of the State and from the districts around Albany indicate that the league is making little headway. Much effort is being expended in bringing its plans and purposes to the attention of the voters, so that a large enrollment may be obtained.

It is said that about two hundred signatures have been obtained to the enrollment in Albany by the canvassers of the league. In Troy, Saratoga and other points in the eastern part of the State the reports indicate that very little progress has yet been made in the work of organization.

**REPUBLICAN POLICY AT LAST.**  
Republican legislative leaders have at last adopted a definite policy toward the Hearst movement. They have decided not to make any of the numerous promises and resolutions now pending for a recount of the votes cast in the election.

On any contrary they propose to attack the league leader by showing that he does not desire a recount and that he is carefully avoiding bringing the question of the recount before the courts by the decisions of the courts which would have resulted in a speedy opening of the election and verification of the returns. The purpose of the republican leaders is to prove that he is seeking to convey the impression that the law gives him no remedy and that he was a "martyr" to fraud and corruption, when he might have obtained a recount if he had heeded the advice of the simplest and most obvious method of testing the election.

It will be brought out, it is expected, by the adoption of a resolution introduced last Monday night in the Assembly, calling upon the legislature to inform the Assembly what application, if any, has been made to him for a recount of the ballots cast in the city election.

**Takes a Hearst Leadership.**  
J. G. Pollansbee, breeder of race horses and a member of several clubs in this city, has become the district leader of the Independence League of the Twenty-fifth Assembly district. Mr. Pollansbee is a relative of William R. Hearst and of James R. Keene. He has never before taken an interest in politics, and his counsel in charge of Mr. Hearst's organizations in the Twenty-fifth district was a surprise to his friends.

## TOM L. JOHNSON TO SUCCEED J. R. M'LEAN

William J. Bryan's Choice Likely to Win Ohio Seat in the National Democratic Committee.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Saturday.—National Democratic Chairman Taggart is receiving the votes of the members of the National Democratic Committee on the question of filling the Ohio vacancy in the committee, caused by the resignation of John R. M'Lean. Tom L. Johnson and Representative Harvey G. Garber are being supported for the position. Forty out of fifty-two votes have been cast, and Mr. Johnson is so far in the lead that his election is regarded as certain.

## SOCIETY WOMEN FEEL KNIFE.

Miss Corinne Robinson and Mrs. Cary T. Hutchinson Undergo Operations for Appendicitis.

Miss Corinne Robinson, daughter of Mr. Douglas Robinson, is ill at her home, No. 422 Madison avenue, of appendicitis. She underwent an operation last week, and last evening was reported to be doing well. Miss Robinson's illness began soon after the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding.

## FOUND \$4,000, GOT 25 CENTS.

Salesgirl Promptly Returned Plethora of Purse to Owner and Was Rewarded in Coin.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Saturday.—A twenty-five cent reward for the return of a \$4,000 purse was received yesterday when Miss Irene Wright, of Mount Washington, a clerk in a department store, returned a pocketbook containing \$4,000, which she had found.

Yesterday morning, about eleven o'clock, Miss Wright found on the lace counter, where she is employed, a pocketbook. About five minutes later a stylishly dressed woman rushed to the counter inquiring for her pocketbook. Miss Wright handed her the purse, and the woman, after glancing hurriedly through the roll, announced that her money, \$4,000 in all, was intact.

She had twenty-five cents on the counter as a reward and walked away.

## PRESENT WIFE OF MR. DE ONATIVIA.



Mrs. T. Luis de Onativia.

## PRESIDENT SEEKS ADVICE ON RATES

Sends a Hurry Call to Senator Knox for Conference on the Hepburn Measure.

### INCLINED TO BROAD REVIEW

Summons of Pennsylvania Statesman Taken to Mean More "Open Mind" at the White House.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.—That President Roosevelt is more than ever of "open mind" with regard to amendments to the Hepburn bill was shown late this afternoon, when Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, was asked to visit the White House. The Pennsylvania Senator was at the Lafayette Theatre when a hurry telephone message was received from Secretary Loeb, and several ushers hurried themselves in searching out the object of the White House quest. Senator Knox, who was found in a front seat, left the theatre as soon as the message was conveyed to him and spent some time in conference with the President.

After his experience of last week Senator Knox had let it be very distinctly understood that he had no intention of visiting the White House for participation in further discussions over the rate bill unless his presence should be specially requested.

Senator Knox was not particularly pleased over the way his review amendment was treated by the President. After he had been requested to present it the President submitted it to Attorney General Moody, Senators Deliver and Clapp, Interstate Commissioner Knapp and other more or less eminent attorneys, for discussion and revision.

Senator Knox thought he should at least have been paid the courtesy of opportunity to explain his amendment so long as it was to be presented for discussion. But he was not.

Now, however, that the President has signified his willingness to see the Hepburn bill amended, he seems more inclined to listen to the advice of those who believe in a broad review provision, and it was for this purpose that Senator Knox was sent for.

## ROCKEFELLER SEEKS \$250,000

Frank, Nephew of John D. Sues New York Broker for Money in Stock Deals.

Frank Rockefeller, of Cleveland, nephew of John D. Rockefeller, has sued in Supreme Court C. I. Hudson & Co., E. & C. Randolph and T. A. McIntyre & Co., New York brokers. Thomas Bushnell, receiver of Denison, Prior & Co., of Cleveland, which failed after Mr. Prior's death, on January 3 last, is also party to the suit, as are Frederick H. Gates, George Stanley, Frank E. Taplin and James V. Morris, who claim interest in \$250,000 held by the defendant brokers.

Learning the insolvency of his brokers, Denison, Prior & Co., Mr. Rockefeller says he telegraphed to their New York correspondents, Hudson & Co., McIntyre & Co., and E. & C. Randolph, to close out all his Republic Iron and Steel stock. He says the sums realized were much larger than what had been advanced by the brokers on the purchase price of the stocks. He says E. & C. Randolph hold for him \$117,000 and Hudson & Co. \$63,000. What sum McIntyre & Co. have borrowed to him he declares he does not know.

He seeks to restrain any disposition of the funds by these firms and wants a receiver appointed to collect his claims.

## KILLED HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Kentuckian in Anger Also Shoots His Wife and Tries to Kill Officer Who Arrests Him.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
OWENSBURG, Ky., Saturday.—Otis Griggs shot and instantly killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Bowman, sixty years old, in Wayne county to-day. He then turned on his wife as she lay in bed suffering from the effects of morphine poisoning and shot her through the shoulder.

Griggs was despondent over losing his position with the railroad company and told his wife he would kill her if she did not kill him first. She answered that she loved him too much to kill him. Griggs then seized her and forced morphine into her mouth. Mrs. Bowman rushed to her daughter's assistance. Griggs attempted to shoot the officer who arrested him, but was overpowered. He begged the officer to kill him. He is thirty years old.

## POLL TAKEN ON STATEHOOD BILL

Senator Carter Says Foraker Amendment for Referendum Has Clear Majority.

### ACT ON PHILIPPINES TARIFF

Senator Lodge Will Move to Discharge Committee to Get Matter Before the Senate.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.—The Statehood bill was the subject of a hurriedly called consultation of administration physicians at the White House to-day. The dose of "knock-out" drops administered to the Philippine Tariff bill yesterday has given rise to no end of alarm over the probable fate of the other administration measures.

Sensors Warren, Burkett and Long, who have taken a lively interest in the Statehood bill, were with the President early in the day, and later he talked with Senators Allison and Carter. Senator Carter has made a poll of the Senate, which shows the Foraker amendment providing for submission of the question of juncture between Arizona and New Mexico to the people of those two Territories, voting separately, to have a clear majority of the Senate. The President has strongly argued for the bill as it passed the House.

It has been agreed that there shall be a vote upon the Statehood bill next Friday, and in consequence it is anticipated that much of the time during the coming week will be devoted to debate of this measure.

**AMENDMENT IS PROBABLE.**  
Senator Beveridge, chairman of the Territories Committee, has been talking with great positiveness of his ability to carry the bill through unamended, but other members of the committee disagree with him. It is understood to-day's conferences at the White House were for the purpose of acquainting the President with the situation.

The treatment administered the Philippine bill in conference is considered by administration circles. President Roosevelt insists that he be given a Senate vote on the measure. Accordingly, Senator Lodge, chairman of the Philippines Committee, will at an early date move that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the bill, for the purpose of getting it before the Senate. This motion being debatable, the opponents of the measure will have to make a strong effort to prevent early action upon it if they desire to do so. However, there may be but little opposition to a vote upon this motion, as the opponents of the proposed reduction of tariff upon Philippine products seem confident that they have a majority of both sides of the Chamber with them.

## BENEDICT ARNOLD'S GRAVE.

Sons of the Revolution Begin Suit to Open a Way to Burial Place at Newport.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
NEWPORT, R. I., Saturday.—An action at law for public access to the grave of Benedict Arnold has been begun here by the Rhode Island Sons of the Revolution through the Attorney General. The grave is on an island owned by Hiram Burlingham, in Politan and Mill streets, and the proceedings are based on a decree of a Rhode Island court which, one hundred and thirty years ago, declared forfeited to the State a way to the tomb from Mill street. Fifty years ago this way was closed, and since then Burroughs and John D. Johnston, who are made respondents in the action, purchased the land, which included the passage. Arnold's grave is now completely buried in by storehouses, and the contention of the Sons of the Revolution is that the Foraker amendment, which would emancipate the bill.

## CAR FELL THROUGH ROOF.

One Man Killed and Three Injured in Steel Plant.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
WHEELING, W. Va., Saturday.—A car loaded with coal jumped from a viaduct over the plant of the Laughlin Steel Company, at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, this afternoon, and crashing through the mill roof, killed John Cramer, a workman. Three others, all foreigners, were fatally injured.

## CROWWELL OUT OF MORGAN'S REACH

Senate Committee Votes to Close Examination and Take Up Evidence on Type of Canal.

### WITNESS GLAD OF RESPIRE

Mr. Shonts and Mr. Markel Will Be Heard and Then Engineers Will Take Stand.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday.—By adopting a resolution providing for an entire change of programme in its hearings the Senate Canal Committee yesterday, temporarily at least, the efforts of Senator Morgan to induce William Nelson Crowwell to shed light upon his actions as general counsel of the Panama Canal Company.

This resolution makes no reference to Mr. Crowwell or Senator Morgan, but its necessary effect will be to postpone, if it does not end, the investigation into Mr. Crowwell's relationship to the canal, which was reached by the Canal Committee he was communicated with and acquiesced in the programme. This is embodied in a resolution introduced by Senator Kittredge, providing:

"That the committee complete the examination of witnesses Markel and Shonts and then proceed to hear the evidence on the type of canal, method of construction and proposed legislation, with the understanding that the witnesses whose testimony is not being taken at this time shall be called by the committee may desire to call will be examined later."

Mr. Crowwell received with great satisfaction the notice that he would have indefinite leave. He said he had many important engagements in New York, but would be glad to come before the committee later if he is wanted. The impression is strong that he will probably not be called again, as the line of inquiry the committee has determined to enter upon will necessarily cover a long period, and after that it will be engaged for some time in formulating necessary legislation.

**NAVAL STATION INFECTED.**  
Spinal Meningitis Reappears Among the Apprentices, Causing Alarm.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
NEWPORT, R. I., Saturday.—Spinal meningitis again made its appearance among the seamen apprentices at the Training Station to-day in a way that gives the officers there great concern. The victim, F. Schanble, of Erie, Pa., who recently arrived at the station in a draft from Norfolk, this draft of 600 boys was kept waiting at Norfolk till the recent epidemic of spinal meningitis at the training station had subsided. All of Schanble's shipmates who came North on the cruiser Columbia with him may have been subjected to the infection. Schanble was perfectly well this morning. This afternoon he was suddenly taken seriously ill.

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## \$779,797 SAVED IN CITY LIGHTING

Bids for 1906 \$2,954,236, as Against \$3,734,034 Present Lights Would Cost at 1903 Prices.

### RESULT OF 1904 AGITATION

Also Attributed in Part to Legislative Action on the Stevens Committee's Report.

As a result of agitation following the discovery of the secret surrender of the city's interest to the lighting companies by Commissioner Oakley during the close of the campaign of 1904, New York city will pay \$779,797 less for its light in the streets, parks and highways and in public buildings this year than it would pay for 1906, present lights under the prices of 1903, when the movement for cost reduction began.

The greatest saving, of course, is derived from the bills for street and park lights. On the basis of the bids offered by the companies on February 1 for contracts for 1906, which have just been tabulated, the city will pay \$679,797 less for gas and electricity which it uses out of doors and \$100,000 less on bills for lighting public buildings.

The total amount of the bids for this year, according to a report made yesterday to Commissioner Ellison by C. F. LaCombe, chief engineer of light and power, is \$2,954,236. For the same service the companies would have received, at 1903 prices, \$3,734,034. While none of the bids has been accepted as yet, Commissioner Ellison expects to perfect contracts on the basis of the prices quoted within a fortnight.

LaCombe in his report submitted this statement of amounts of bids this year for street lighting as compared with what the city would have to pay for the present service at prices of 1903:

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